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VARGAS STAFF HOSTS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, January 20, 2004, Assemblymember Juan Vargas' office joined with the American Red Cross to hold Vargas' 1st Annual Community Blood drive in efforts to increase the donor base in the district.

"We are very grateful to Assembly Member Juan Vargas and his staff for supporting the community blood program," said Julie Juliusson, Communications Manager for the American Red Cross Blood Services' Southern California Region. "Thanks to partnerships such as this one, we are able to supply life-saving blood products to area hospitals to help meet local patient needs."

The event commemorates January as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, which began in 1970 and has been a continuing tradition for 34 years. "This drive gives my district an opportunity to supply blood that will help many in need," said Vargas.

Donating blood is safe and easy. You must be at least 17 years old and in good health. You must weigh at least 110 pounds, eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Donors are eligible to donate every 56 days.

For further information regarding medicines, immunizations or other medical questions pertaining to blood donation, please call the American Red Cross at (800) 843-2949.



Dianna Zamora-Marroquin (far right) thanks several donors for attending the event.



Chief-of-Staff, Colin Rice, signs up to donate to a worthy cause.



Donors arrived throughout the day to participate. In total, the event collected 22 pints of blood that day.